

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Water Company (U 133 W) for an Order pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851 Approving a Settlement Agreement that will convey Water Rights in the Culver City Customer Service Area.

Application 02-07-021
(Filed July 11, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING REQUEST TO EXTEND TIME FOR COMMENTS**

Southern California Water Company (SCWC) requests an extension of time to comment on an Alternate Decision in this case from a shortened 5-day period to the normal 20-day comment period authorized by Rule 77.2 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The attorney for SCWC who represented the utility at hearing states that she received the Alternate Decision on Friday, April 9, 2004, with its covering instructions that comments would be due in 5 business days on Thursday, April 15, 2004. She went on to state that she will be representing SCWC before the Commission in a general rate case during the week of April 12, as well as filing comments and a Section 851 application during that week in Application (A.) 02-11-007, involving the lease of water rights to the City of Folsom. Counsel states:

To put it bluntly, I do not see how I can address the Proposed Alternate in [A. 02-07-021] next week while at the same time I will be trying the Region II general rate case and filing comments,

section 851 application and briefs on the Folsom lease issue. I am the only attorney familiar with all these issues for the company. (Electronic mail dated April 9, 2004, to Assigned Commissioner Kennedy and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Walker and all parties.]

Counsel for SCWC represents that the Alternate Decision “raises complex issues of gain on sale and the application of [Pub. Util. Code § 790] that deserve well researched and well written comments to assist the Commission in doing its job.” (Electronic mail dated April 9, 2004.) She states that delaying the resolution of A.02-07-021 until the next Commission meeting will not result in harm or unfairness to any party.

Pursuant to Rule 77.6(f) (Assigned Commissioner or ALJ may extend comment period on alternates in appropriate circumstances), I conclude that SCWC’s request for an extension of time to comment on the Alternate Decision should be granted.

IT IS RULED that, pursuant to Rule 77.6(f), the time for parties to file comments on the Proposed Alternate Decision of Commissioner Lynch in A.02-07-021 is extended from April 15, 2004, to April 28, 2004, with reply comments due 5 days thereafter.

Dated April 13, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GLEN WALKER

Glen Walker
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Request to Extend Time for Comments on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated April 13, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO

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